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The Company Journal **and "The Feederline"**

Fire Department News
Cambridge, Massachusetts

From the desk of
Chief Gerald R. Reardon

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All Companies Working



Photos above: Box 45-626, the Working Fire was ordered by **DFC Ed Mahoney** for the fire on floor #2 in this OMD at 1713 Massachusetts Av. The box was transmitted at 1316 hours on Monday, 8 May 2006. Group 4 was on duty. Due to heavy incident activity throughout the city at the time, Ladder 3 (normally assigned on the 3rd alarm) was assigned first-due and took the "alpha" side with the stick to the roof, under the trackless-trolley wires. Division 1 was assigned to this Division 2 box because Division 2 was operating at a confined space/construction accident on Oxford Street..

- photos above by **F.Lt. Brian Higgins, FIU**





- photos above by **FF Kevin Lawson** (Truck 3, group 4)



Photos above: 13 March 2006 at 0054 hours, private vehicle crashed through the guard rail and landed on the MBTA tracks and electrified third-rail on the Longfellow Bridge. Engine 3, Truck 2, and Division 1 operated.

-- photos by **Mark Hershon**





Photos above: Companies work to extricate the victim of a construction elevator accident at 500 Tech Square on 24 May 2006. Engines 2 and 6, Trucks 3 and Somerville Tower-Ladder 1, Rescue 1, Squads 2 and 4, Division 1, K2, K3, and K5 operated at this incident, which was 70 feet above grade. Unfortunately the victim did not survive his injuries.

- photos by **FF Kevin Lawson** (Truck 3)



Can this be Cambridge? ...or is it Saugus?or maybe Aroostook County, Maine?





Photos above: companies operating at brush fire in the area behind Discovery Park/Cambridge Park Drive area in North Cambridge.

This is probably the only area of brush in the city.

- photos by **FF Kevin Lawson**

What's New

Pierce Fire Apparatus of Appleton, Wisconsin was awarded the bid for two fire pumps, both 1250 gpm with 500 gallon water tanks. One of these pumps will be standard triple-combination fire pump. The other will be a rear-mounted pump, with a rescue-pumper body. This rescue-pumper will have enhanced compartment space in order to carry anti-terrorism Homeland Defense specific equipment on board.

FFOP Eric Moore has been appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department effective 5 July 2006. He will start the 12

week recruit training program at the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy on 10 July 2006. FFOP Moore is a paramedic and is a United States Army veteran, having recently returned from active duty in Iraq.

Congratulations

Congrats to F.Lt. **Sean White** (Rescue 1, group 2) and wife, **Kari** on the birth of **Harleigh Dawn White** on 3 June 2006 at 1422 hours. She weighed in at 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 20 1/2 inches long. Harleigh joins sister, **Audrey**, as the newest member of the White family.

A tip-of-the-helmet to **Zack Bennett** on his graduation from Norwich University.



Zack Bennett (second from left), son of Jane and the late **Capt. Barry Bennett** (Engine 1), was sworn in as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps during commissioning ceremonies held May 13 at Norwich University/The Military College of Vermont. Zack, Major Commander of the Corps of Cadets' Headquarters Company at Norwich, also graduated Magna Cum Laude in Political Science. He has been assigned to the Marine base at Quantico, VA for six months of officer training, beginning mid-June.



Zack's brothers, **Andrew and Chris**, pin his officer's bars on...

- photos above by **Jane Bennett**

Commendation

Per G.O. # 10 of 2006, 20 April 2006, upon the recommendation of Westwood **Fire Lieutenant Richard J. Cerullo**, **Firefighter/Paramedic Hugh Devlin** is commended for his actions.

On 16 April 2006 at approximately 1400 hours, a houseguest on Lea Road in Westwood suffered a significant cardiac event that resulted in cardiac arrest. The homeowner ran next-door seeking help. Cambridge Firefighter/Paramedic Hugh Devlin responded immediately to the scene. After a quick assessment, Firefighter Devlin determined that the patient was pulseless and not breathing. He immediately placed the patient on the floor and performed CPR until the arrival of the Westwood Companies.

We all know the advantages of early CPR intervention. There is no doubt that Firefighter Devlin's quick, professional, and unselfish actions resulted in the victim making it to the hospital with a pulse and a blood pressure. The patient was admitted to Caritas Norwood Hospital.

Firefighter Devlin's actions truly exemplify the very best of the Fire Service and what it stands for in the highest tradition of the Cambridge Fire Department. Upon the recommendation of Fire Lieutenant Richard J. Cerullo of the Westwood Fire Department, Firefighter/Paramedic Devlin is hereby commended for his actions.

(Editor's note: Firefighter/Paramedic Hugh Devlin is assigned to Squad #4, group 3.)

Retirements

Per G.O. # 13 of 2006, effective May 7, 2006 at 0700 Hours, **Fire Captain Robert N. Dunn** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Captain Dunn was appointed on April 30, 1972 to the reserve list. His assignments and promotions were as follows:

- March 4, 1973 Engine Company No.1
- December 5, 1976 Engine Company No.6
- May 25, 1980 Acting Lieutenant Assigned to Headquarters
- July 6, 1980 Promoted to Lieutenant Assigned to Headquarters
- January 11, 1981 Civil Defense
- July 26, 1981 Engine Company No.7
- September 16, 1984 Engine Company No.6
- July 10, 1997 Promoted to Captain
- July 20, 1997 Engine Company No.3
- February 13, 2005 Ladder Company No.3

Per G.O. # 14 of 2006, effective June 2, 2006 at 1900 Hours, **Fire Lieutenant John M. Lund** retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Lieutenant Lund was appointed on April 24, 1988. His assignments and promotions were as follows:

- June 12, 1988 Engine Company No.5
- March 10, 1991 Engine Company No.8
- August 20, 1995 Acting Lieutenant - Pivot Officer
- December 31, 1995 Engine Company No.1
- August 23, 1998 Engine Company No.2
- April 30, 2000 Engine Company No.8

Per G.O. # 18 of 2006, effective July 4, 2006, at 1700 Hours, **Captain Michael J. Mahoney** will be retired from the Cambridge Fire Department. Captain Mahoney was appointed on February 17, 1974 and assigned to Engine Company

No. 6.

- December 5, 1976 Aerial Tower 1
 - April 27, 1980 Ladder Company No. 4
 - November 22, 1981 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant, Fire Headquarters
 - May 9, 1982 Engine Company No. 5
 - July 31, 1988 Promoted to Fire Captain, Training
 - March 31, 1991 Engine Company No. 2
 - April 4, 2004 Fire Prevention Office
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Appointment

Per GO #19 of 2006, effective 5 July 2006 at 0700 hours, the following is appointed Firefighter on Probation for the Cambridge Fire Department:

Eric D. Moore

He will report to the Training Division @ 0800 hours on July 5, 2006.

He will report to the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, Stow, MA at 0700 hours on July 10, 2006 for Recruit Firefighter Training.

Transfers and Assignments

Per G.O. # 11 of 2006, effective 7 May 2006 at 0700 hours:

Fire Lieutenant Brian J. Gover from Engine Company No.5 to Acting Fire Captain, Ladder Company No.3

Fire Lieutenant Peter A. Donovan from Engine Company #6 to Acting Fire Captain, Fire Prevention

Fire Lieutenant Steven M. Brogan from Ladder Company No.1 to Engine Company No. 6

Firefighter Robert L. Walsh from Ladder Company No.1 to Acting Fire Lieutenant, Engine Company No.8

Firefighter Frederick B. Ikels from Rescue Company No.1 to Acting Fire Lieutenant, Engine Company No.5

Firefighter David S. Walles from Engine Company No.1 to Acting Fire Lieutenant, Ladder Company No.1

Promotions

Per G.O. #17 of 2006, effective 18 June 2006 at 0700 hours:

Acting Fire Captain Brian J. Gover, to Fire Captain, Ladder Company No. 3

Acting Fire Lieutenant Robert L. Walsh to Fire Lieutenant, Engine Company No. 8

Acting Fire Lieutenant Frederick B. Ikels to Fire Lieutenant, Engine Company No. 5

Per G.O. #20 of 2006, effective 9 July 2006 at 0700 hours:

Acting Fire Captain Peter A. Donovan, to Fire Captain, Fire Prevention Office

Acting Fire Lieutenant David S. Walles to Fire Lieutenant, Ladder Company No.1

Cambridge Firefighters Memorial Sunday

Our deceased members were remembered at the Firefighters Memorial at the Cambridge Cemetery on Sunday, 11 June 2006. The following is a copy of the remarks given by Master of Ceremonies, **Fire Captain Gerry Mahoney**. Photographs were taken by F.Lt. Brian Higgins.

CAMBRIDGE FIREFIGHTERS MEMORIAL SUNDAY 2006

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you here this morning to the annual Memorial Sunday exercises of the Cambridge Fire Department. On behalf of Chief Reardon, Captains Committee Chair Capt. Rob Morrissey, Local 30 President Jack Shinkwin and Relief Association President George Thompson thank you for joining with us as we remember the members of this department who have gone before us.

We gather at this spot on the second Sunday in June to reflect on the lives and efforts of those who have served this community and fellow firefighters. We reflect on men who have given of themselves with various forms of sacrifice for the betterment of others.

Some of our departed members suffered injuries or even lost their lives in the performance of their duty. Others made great sacrifices over the years to improve the conditions and benefits we who currently serve now enjoy. No gathering of this department would be complete without recognition of our many retirees who gather with us at Memorial Sunday.

Sadly, once again this year we honor the memory of a departed brother who was taken from us before his time. Firefighter Bill Cochran of Engine Company 6 died on April 11, 2006 from cancer. Cancer is something that has become all too prevalent in the deaths of firefighters.

In the past month we have also bid farewell to retired members Chief Daniel Reagan, Deputy Chief Andrew Murphy and Firefighter Harry Martin.

It is important for us to take some time to pause and reflect on those gone before us and to embrace the memory they have left us. The honoring of the memory of our departed is a tradition of which the fire service is and should be very proud.

The department served by our members many years ago is so different from that of today. We now train not just for fires and service calls but for weapons of mass destruction and preparedness for major disasters that have become part of the fabric of the world today.

Since we gathered here last June, members have responded to calls for help in Cambridge but also in New

Orleans and Mississippi. Three of our members are serving or are about to serve on active duty in the armed forces of the United States. Firefighter Gene Myrtill is in Kosovo, Firefighter Steve Jeffres is in Iraq and Lt. Brian Higgins will soon deploy to Iraq.

In addition to keeping them in your thoughts and prayers today, I would also ask you to remember the sons of three of our members. Galvin Murphy Jr. serving with the United States Marines in Fallujah and the sons of Deputy Bob Rossi and Firefighter Ken Souza both currently training in the US Marines.

So the department and its mission have changed somewhat, but the core values of service and sacrifice have not and will not change. It is those core values and the men who displayed them that we honor today.

This coming Saturday will mark the end of a 38 year career for Peter Hayden, Chief of the New York City Fire Department. I was fortunate this past week to attend the annual FDNY Medal Day ceremonies where acts of heroism and valor are recognized. At one of the Division parties that follow the ceremony Chief Hayden spoke about the "job" as we know it and the importance of keeping alive the memory and honor of those gone before us. As the Division Commander at the World Trade Center on September 11th he witnessed the deaths of many close friends and firefighters he had worked with for many years. Chief Hayden summed up beautifully the meaning of a ceremony such as this, "we will always remember the memories we shared with the guys we have lost, but we must never forget the courage and honor of how they served. We will always remember, we must never forget."

- Gerry Mahoney







FF/PM Sean Williams (Truck 3 - group 4) and his father, **FF Gary Williams** (Worcester Rescue 1)



Retirees





DFC Frank Murphy (Division 2 - group 4) and his father, **DFC Frank Murphy** (Division 2 - retired)



Barry Bennett's 1976 Porsche 911 which has been fully restored by volunteers of the Pelican Parts group.
Jane Bennett drove the Porsche to Firefighters Memorial Sunday.

- photos above by **F.Lt. Brian Higgins, FIU**

Signal 10-15

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Firefighter Harry J. Martin** of Ladder Company #4, retired. Firefighter Martin was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 9 March 1958 and assigned to Ladder Company #1. His other assignments were as follows:

- 27 January 1974 Aide to Chief of Department
- 18 July 1982 Ladder Company #4

His many accomplishments included assignment as Department Photographer in January of 1978 and to the Arson Squad in November of 1979. He was appointed Deputy Sheriff in 1982. As part of his Arson Squad duties, Firefighter Martin had participated in numerous training programs and certifications including the National Fire Academy, the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy, the Massachusetts State Police Academy.

Firefighter Martin retired on 4 February 1991. He was born on 30 March 1927 and was a United States Navy veteran of World War II. He died on 13 May 2006.

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Chief Daniel J. Reagan**, retired. Chief Reagan was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 14 September 1941 and assigned to Ladder Company #2. His other assignments were as follows:

- 22 October 1943 United States Army
- 24 February 1946 Reinstated at Ladder Company #2
- 1 January 1950 Ladder Company #4
- 4 February 1951 Promoted to Acting Fire Lieutenant - Pivot Engine Company #4/Engine Company #9
- 15 April 1951 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant
- 24 August 1952 Engine Company #8

- 29 January 1956 Promoted to Fire Captain - Engine Company #7
- 24 February 1963 Promoted to Deputy Fire Chief, Group #7
- 2 November 1979 Promoted to Provisional Chief of Department

Chief Reagan retired on 17 July 1982. He was born on 21 July 1917 and was a United States Army veteran of World War II. He died on 27 May 2006.

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Deputy Fire Chief Andrew R. Murphy** - Division 2, retired. Chief Murphy was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 21 December 1941 and assigned to Engine Company #6. His other assignments were as follows:

- 8 February 1942 Rescue Company #1
- 1 February 1943 United States Navy
- 16 December 1945 Reinstated at Rescue Company #1
- 4 February 1951 Promoted to Acting Fire Lieutenant - Rescue Company #1
- 15 April 1951 Promoted to Fire Lieutenant - Rescue Company #1
- 29 January 1956 Engine Company #8
- 21 June 1956 Promoted to Fire Captain - Engine Company #7
- 1 December 1957 Rescue Company #1
- 20 November 1969 Engine Company #7
- 5 March 1972 Promoted to Acting Deputy Fire Chief
- 21 May 1972 Promoted to Deputy Fire Chief

He was also the president of Cambridge Firefighters Local #30 for many years.

Deputy Fire Chief Murphy retired on 9 January 1982. He was born on 12 October 1918 and was a United States Navy veteran of World War II. He died on 7 June 2006.

The Chief of Department regrets to announce the death of **Firefighter Francis G. Lyons** - Ladder 4, retired. Firefighter Lyons was appointed to the Cambridge Fire Department on 14 February 1943 and assigned to Ladder Company #1. He was transferred to Ladder Company #4 on 3 January 1971.

Firefighter Frank Lyons retired on 31 March 1980. He was born on 28 March 1915 and died on 25 June 2006.

Out and About



*The brothers visiting in sunny Florida: **F.Lt. Steve Brogan** (Engine 6), **F.Capt. Jack Clark** (Ladder 3 retired), **F.Lt. Ron Ring** (Engine 6 retired), **F. Capt. Larry Brogan** (Engine 4), and **F.Lt. Dan Flaherty** (Engine 4.)*

- photo courtesy of Jack Clark



Hook and Ladder Company #3 and Squad #2 operating at Mass. General Hospital.

*- photo by **FF/PM Paul Morrison** (Squad #2)*

From the Archives



Rescue Company #1 - group 1 in the late-70s:

FF Bill Hunter (retired), **FF Bob Bell** (now F.Lt. Engine 5), **FF Bob Currier** (retired), **FF Bill Cochran** (deceased), and **F.Lt. Walter Long** (retired)

The apparatus is the 1969 Mack/Gerstenslager.

- photo above from the collection of **Barbara** and **Walter Long**



Hyde Shoe fire, Windsor Street: Engine 7's Wagon operating the deck gun. Shown standing on the ground is **FF Jesse Andrews** (Engine 2); standing on the deck of the apparatus are **FF Anthony Iantosca** (in leather helmet) and **F.Lt Dan Finn** (in plastic helmet.) Thanks to FF Iantosca for identifying the members and providing information on the fire.

- photos above by **Edward Fowler**



Engine 1 Pump - 1960 Pirsch 1000 gpm



Engine 3 Pump - 1949 Pirsch 1000 gpm



Engine 7 high-pressure Hose Wagon - 1949 GMC/Lacey/Robinson



Engine 7 Pump - 1944 Pirsch 750 gpm



Engine 11 and Engine 12 - both 1953 Pirsch 1000 gpm



Ladder 4 - 1959 Pirsch 100'

- photos above from the collection of **Robert Washburn**, Lexington FD retired

Letters

The following letters are just a few of the numerous letters received in the past three months.

26 April 2006 (via e-mail)

Dear Chief Gelinas,

On behalf of Jenna LeMieux, Lane Walker and me, I would like to extend our sincere gratitude for opening your door to us and for making us feel so welcome at the Cambridge Fire Department HQ Firehouse.

In the next few days, you should be receiving a package in the mail that includes a note from our group and

the final draft report on our study of Ladder Company #1. Please extend our warmest wishes and gratitude to Captain Morrissey and the firefighters of Ladder 1. We are proud and humbled to have worked with such a remarkable group of professionals who have taught us so much.

With respect and admiration,

Travis Adkins

Harvard Business School | MBA Class of 2006

editor's note: Travis Adkins is a Captain in the United States Army. Ladder Company #1 participated in a study of teamwork and leadership

26 April 2006 (via e-mail)

Chief Gelinas,

I just wanted to thank you and your guys for the help today. It's always a pleasure working with your department. Thanks again, John

John F. Nardone
DPW Assistant Commissioner
For Operations

editor's note: The members of Engine #8 and Rescue #1 (group 2), with K2 and C7 assisted the DPW in the evaluation of stored materials at the Concord Avenue Armory.

April 26, 2005

Cetrulo and Capone LLP
Counsellors at Law
Two Seaport Lane
Boston, Massachusetts 02210

Cambridge Fire Department

Dear Engine Company No. 9 Team:

Just a short note of thanks from a long-time Grozier Road neighbor for your prompt, efficient and courteous response to a minor crisis in our home last week.

My daughter detected a "burning rubber" smell, called for your help in an understandable panic, and was much reassured by your help. It turned out that her computer had burned-out internally, and it was lucky that the small problem was caught before it became a large one.

My thanks to you all for a job that too often is taken for granted by those whom you serve.

All the best,

Lawrence G. Cetrulo

*(editor's note: Box 862 was transmitted for the above incident at 1735 hours on 20 April 2005. Group 3 was on duty. Engines 9, 8, and 1, Trucks 4 and 1, Rescue 2, and Division 2 were assigned. **Deputy Fire Chief Robert Scott** was the Incident Commander.)*

19 April 2006 (via e-mail)

Capt. Carter;
Bill Mergendahl;
Jay Starzynski:

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge a job well done by the members of Cambridge Fire Department Ladder 3 (**Lt./EMT Pat Haggerty, FF/EMT Steve Milliken, FF/EMT-P Pedro Gonzalez**), Squad 2 (**Lt./EMT Steve Boyle, FF/EMT-P John Bell**) and Pro EMS PB Unit (**Paramedic Andy Miller, EMT Devon Abbott**).

On arrival L3 found an 86 y/o male in cardiac arrest with CPR in progress. L3 crew immediately continued CPR while Lt./EMT Haggerty applied the defib pads. ACLS intervention was initiated on Pro EMS and Squad 2's arrival. Pro EMS EMT-P Miller intubated the patient, FF/EMT-P Gonzalez initiated IV access / administered medications and FF/EMT-P Bell interpreted the cardiac rhythms. Lt./EMT Haggerty, Lt./EMT Boyle, FF/EMT Milliken and Pro EMS EMT Abbott played a very important part in this arrest by assisting the paramedics and continuing CPR. The patient was moved from the Senior Center to the Pro EMS Ambulance for transport.

FF/EMT-P Gonzalez, FF/EMT-P Bell, Pro EMS EMT-P Miller remained in the back of the Pro EMS Ambulance with the patient while Pro EMS EMT Abbott drove the ambulance to Mount Auburn Hospital ER. En-route the crew was able to get pulses back as well as a BP of 100/80. Patient care was transferred to the Mount Auburn ED staff with good carotid and femoral pulses and a good BP.

The quick response and seamless team work between Cambridge Fire Department and Pro EMS resulted in the above stated outcome. The ultimate outcome of the patient is unknown but I think the above mentioned members should be acknowledged for there efforts by their peers and superiors.

Respectfully Submitted,

FF Pedro Gonzalez L3, GI

*(Editor's note: This e-mail which was forwarded though channels is an example of the daily on-the-street teamwork between **Professional Ambulance** and **Cambridge Fire** EMTs and Paramedics. This teamwork and professionalism again resulted in success, the saving of a life.)*

Dear Chief Reardon,

On behalf of my entire family, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the great tribute shown to our father by you and the other members of the Cambridge Fire Department.

It was an overwhelming experience to see so many firefighters, representing several generations, coming to pay their respects. It made us proud not just of our father , bur of his profession and of those who serve as he did. We especially appreciate the honor guard you provided and those firefighters who stood it.

We shall always remember that final ride with our dad, being met at the end by the American Flag raised high on the ladder and the men saluting as we rode past.

Please extend our sincere thanks to al of those who remembered.

6/30/2006

Yours truly,
Dan Reagan (for the entire Reagan Family)

May, 2006

Dear Chief Reardon,

Just a note of thanks to you and the Cambridge Fire Department for your participation and the professionalism displayed during both the wake and the funeral of Harry Martin during the days of May 15 and 16th.

Harry loved the job and the guys and would have been very proud of the tribute.

Thank you very much.

- The family of Harry Martin

Dear Cambridge Fire Department,

I am writing to thank the paramedics who came to my house on Murray Hill Road on the early morning of May 12 when my husband had a seizure. Their calm professionalism was so reassuring to me, and my husband is now totally recovered.

Regards,
Siobhan Bredin

(editor's note: This was a still alarm, incident # 05010200 at 0241 hours on 12 May 2006. Group 4 was on duty. Engine 4 (F.Lt. Richard Turcotte, Firefighters Jim Bergin, and Michael Person), Squad #4 (F.Lt. Michael Travers and Firefighter James Gomes), and Professional Ambulance Paramedic #9 were assigned.)

Harvard Square Business Association

May 12, 2006

Dear Chief Reardon:

On Behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, and members of the Harvard Square Business Association, please extend our sincere thanks to the exceptional Firefighters of the Cambridge Fire Department for doing a first-rate job at our Mayfair event last Sunday.

The weather was glorious, the food fabulous, the crowds plentiful, and as always, the men and women of your department were attentive and professional.

6/30/2006

With sincere appreciation and thanks,

Denise Jillson
Executive Director

Matignon High School
One Matignon Road
Cambridge, Ma 02140

May 19, 2006

Dear Chief Reardon:

On May 11, 2006, Matignon High School SADD's program in conjunction with many, many services around the city of Cambridge presented our students with an unbelievable mock car crash demonstration. SADD students participated in this event to educate our students on the dangers of driving and driving. This even could not have been possible without the incredible assistance of the Cambridge Fire Department.

I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to all firefighters involved. This event would have been impossible to have such an impact on the students without their professional contribution.

Sincerely,

Nancy O'Callaghan R.N.
SADD Advisor

St. Francis de Sales Rectory
303 Bunker ill Street
Charlestown, MA 02129

June 7, 2006

Chief Gerald Reardon,

Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your gracious Jubilee gift. I am truly grateful to you and the Members of the Cambridge Fire Department for the Desk Clock that was presented to me by Chief Gelinas, Captain Gerry Mahoney, and Deputy Chief Cotter. I also want to thank you and the Members of your Department for their assistance with my Jubilee Celebration. I am truly grateful to you for your friendship over the years our paths have met on our journey together in Faith, Hoe, and Love.

As a sign of my gratitude, know that you and all the Officers and Members of the Cambridge Fire Department and all those you love are with me at Mass and Prayer each day.

May Saint Florian, the Patron Saint of Firefighters, always keep you in his care.

Please keep me in your prayers as you and yours are in my prayers.

Father Dan

Reverend Daniel J. Mahoney, Pastor
Chaplain, Cambridge Fire Department

Training

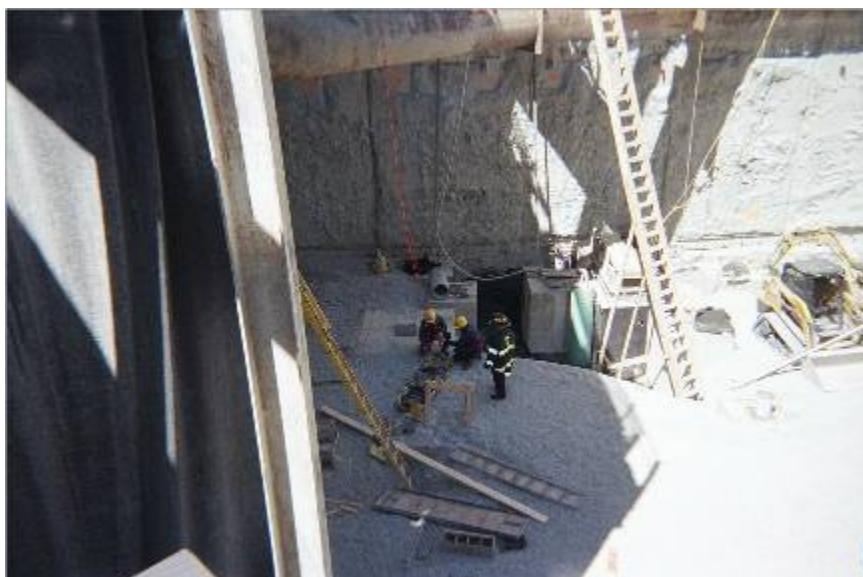




Photos above: Recent Multi-Unit-Drill training exercise at Magazine Beach, under the direction of **F.Lt. Paul Mahoney** of Truck 3.

- photos by **FF Kevin Lawson**





Photos above: Companies participated in a Hi-Angle.Confined Space Rescue drill at the Hasty Pudding construction site on Holyoke Street.

The drill was conducted by **F.Lt. Sean White** of Rescue 1 and supervised by **F.Lt. Tom Cahill** of Squad 4.

- photo by **FF/PM Paul Morrison** (Squad #2)

Stats and Fires

The three **Lafayette Square** companies, **Engine 2, Truck 3, and Squad 2**, finished the month of May 2006 as the three busiest companies in the city.

During the month of **May, 2006, Engine 2** was the busiest company with **244 runs**. Engine 1 finished with 180 and Engine 5 with 176 runs. **Truck 3** finished the month with 192 runs and Truck 1 with 179. **Rescue 1** finished the month with **180 runs**. **Division 1**, the busier division, finished with a total of **147 runs**, while Division 2 responded to 139 incidents. **Squads 2 and 4** completed November with **242 and 160 runs** respectively.

There were 1075 emergency incidents during the month, which generated 2715 emergency responses. There were 9 building fires, 49 inside fires, and 60 fires of all categories.

There were two Working Fires. At 1316 hours, on 8 May 2006, working fire signal **Box 45-626** was transmitted for the fire on floor #2 of the 2 1/2 story wood-frame OMD at 1713 Massachusetts Avenue. Group 4 was on duty. DFC Ed Mahoney was the Incident Commander. Four engines , 3 trucks, 1 rescue, 2 squads, and 2 division chiefs operated.

On 23 May 2006 at 2008 hours, Box **45-2391** was transmitted for the fire in construction materials on floor #7 of the hi-rise building under construction at 1 Hampshire Street. DFC Bokuniewicz was the Incident Commander. Four engines, 3 trucks, 1 rescue, 2 squads, and 2 division chiefs operated.

Retirees

Join the **Retired Firefighters Breakfast Club**. The club meets at 0730 hours on the 2nd and 4th Friday of every month at Andy's Diner (across from Engine 4's house) in North Cambridge. Call John O'Donoghue at 781-483-9217 or e-mail him at jod3502@aol.com for more information. All retired members are welcome. Stay in touch. Have breakfast with good company.

Mark Your Calendar - Upcoming Events:

Canobie Lake Park Outing

The Local 30 Summer Outing at **Canobie Lake Park** is scheduled for Tuesday, 8 August 2006. (Group 2 is on duty.) For any questions or to volunteer to help please contact Galvin Murphy at Engine #9, group 2. Call extension 4939.

Fire Photo Night

New England FireCon '07 presents A Fire Photo Night featuring **Chris Mickal, District Chief** of the **New Orleans Fire Department**. The photo night will be held on Friday, 20 October 2006 at 2000 hours at the Malden Emergency Center, Jackson Suite, 114 Centre Street, Malden, MA. Tickets are \$10. Parking is \$1. A portion of the proceeds will benefit members of the NOFD.

IFBA Convention

The annual convention of **The International Fire Buffs Association** will be held in Cambridge, Massachusetts in **August of 2007**. The convention site will be the Royal Sonesta Hotel.

Matignon High School SADD Event

May 11, 2006

In Conjunction with the Cambridge Police Department, Professional Ambulance and the Matignon High School Chapter of SADD; Students Against Destructive Decisions, the Cambridge Fire Department today participated in a Prom Safety Awareness Event at Matignon High School.

Six students dressed in formal wear attire as they would be for their prom were in a simulated motor vehicle accident staged in front of the school. One student was "pronounced dead" at the scene due to the nature of his injuries. Another student was apprehended by police officers after failing field sobriety tests.

The other students; depicting assorted severe injuries, were extricated from the vehicles by Cambridge Firefighters assisted by EMS personnel from Professional Ambulance and Cambridge Police. Firefighters had to use the "Jaws of Life" to free one victim and hydraulic powered cutters to remove the roof of the second vehicle to allow the removal of a teenage girl trapped in the front seat. Cambridge Cable Television filmed the exercise.

The entire student body of the school witnessed the exercise, including the removal of the fatality in a body bag.

This time of the year is filled with tragic stories of young people in often-fatal motor-vehicle accidents due to excessive speed and the use of alcohol and drugs. The event was geared to make kids aware of the tragic real-life consequences of those decisions.

Following the exercise members of the Cambridge Fire Department along with Professional Ambulance General Manager Bill Mergendahl addressed the student body in the auditorium to tell students about actual motor vehicle accidents they have responded to during their careers. Many of these accidents have taken the lives of young people. Bill Mergendahl related how as a teenage member of the volunteer ambulance squad in his hometown in upstate New York he responded to three motor vehicle accidents in one year that took the lives of six of his senior class classmates.

- Fire Captain Gerry Mahoney





- SADD/Rescue Drill photos above by **F.Lt. Brian Higgins, FIU**

Winter Wasn't So Long Ago !



December 9th during the snow storm - the flagpole IFO Fire Headquarters at about 1430 hours.



December 9th, 2005 - 1600 hours - sunset at Concord Av. and Springfield Streets, Somerville (Inman Square area)

- photos above by **Stacey Wright, ECC**

America's Heroes

"The Pledge of Allegiance" - Senator John McCain:

As you may know, I spent five and one half years as a prisoner of war during the Vietnam War. In the early years of our imprisonment, the NVA kept us in solitary confinement or two or three to a cell. In 1971 the NVA moved us from these conditions of isolation into large rooms with as many

as 30 to 40 men to a room.

This was, as you can imagine, a wonderful change and was a direct result of the efforts of millions of Americans on behalf of a few hundred POWs 10,000 miles from home.

One of the men who moved into my room was a young man named Mike Christian. Mike came from a small town near Selma, Alabama. He didn't wear a pair of shoes until he was 13 years old. At 17, he enlisted in the US Navy. He later earned a commission by going to Officer Training School. Then he became a Naval Flight Officer and was shot down and captured in 1967. Mike had a keen and deep appreciation of the opportunities this country and our military provide for people who want to work and want to succeed.

As part of the change in treatment, the Vietnamese allowed some prisoners to receive packages from home. In some of these packages were handkerchiefs, scarves and other items of clothing.

Mike got himself a bamboo needle. Over a period of a couple of months, he created an American flag and sewed on the inside of his shirt.

Every afternoon, before we had a bowl of soup, we would hang Mike's shirt on the wall of the cell and say the Pledge of Allegiance.

I know the Pledge of Allegiance may not seem the most important part of our day now, but I can assure you that in that stark cell it was indeed the most important and meaningful event.

One day the Vietnamese searched our cell, as they did periodically, and discovered Mike's shirt with the flag sewn inside, and removed it.

That evening they returned, opened the door of the cell, and for the benefit of all of us, beat Mike Christian severely for the next couple of hours. Then, they opened the door of the cell and threw him in. We cleaned him up as well as we could..

The cell in which we lived had a concrete slab in the middle on which we slept. Four naked light bulbs hung in each corner of the room.

As I said, we tried to clean up Mike as well as we could. After the excitement died down, I looked in the corner of the room, and sitting there beneath that dim light bulb with a piece of red cloth, another shirt and his bamboo needle, was my friend, Mike Christian. He was sitting there with his eyes almost shut from the beating he had received, making another American flag. He was not making the flag because it made Mike Christian feel better. He was making that flag because he knew how important it was to us to be able to Pledge our allegiance to our flag and country.

So the next time you say the Pledge of Allegiance, you must never forget the sacrifice and courage that thousands of Americans have made to build our nation and promote freedom around the world.

You must remember our duty, our honor, and our country.

"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Operation Iraqi Freedom

The photos below were forwarded by **FF Steve Jeffres** (Engine 3, group 1) who is serving with the United States Air

Force in Iraq.



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"Safety and risk management is paramount in everything we do. We work as a team to make sure we plan for contingencies and ensure our equipment is functioning the way it should be. We plan for the worst and hope for the best. We are vigilant in looking for signs of improvised explosive devices or any other threat that might be out there."

- John Maguire

John Maguire, a West Point graduate, was a Goldman Sachs associate working in the World Trade Center and survived the attack on September 11, 2001. He was pictured in newspapers along with FDNY and NYPD members carrying Father Mychal Judge from the World Trade Center. Mr. Maguire is now serving in Iraq with the Tenth Mountain Division of the United States Army. - as reported in the New York Daily News.



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THANK OUR VETERANS!**



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